

terms of solid content,

heat-treating said layer at 40 to 120°C, to obtain a heat-treated layer, and
then irradiating said heat-treated layer with an ultraviolet ray.

8. (New) The casting film according to Claim 7, wherein said photosensitizer is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzoin, benzophenones, acetophenones, α -hydroxyketones, α -aminoketones, α -diketones, α -diketone dialkyl acetals, anthraquinones, and thioxanthenes.

9. (New) The casting film according to Claim 7, wherein said addition reaction type silicone composition further comprises at least one of a polyorganosiloxane having a vinyl functional group and a polyorganosiloxane having a hexenyl functional group.

B 10. (New) The casting film according to Claim 9, wherein said polyorganosiloxane is a polydimethylsiloxane.

11. (New) The casting film according to Claim 7, wherein said addition reaction type silicone composition further comprises a crosslinking agent.

12. (New) The casting film according to Claim 11, wherein said crosslinking agent is a polyorganosiloxane having at least two hydrogen atoms each bonded to a silicon atom in one molecule.

13. (New) The casting film according to Claim 7, wherein said addition reaction type silicone composition further comprises a platinum based catalyst.

14. (New) A casting film, comprising:

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

a substrate film; and

a cured layer of an addition reaction type silicone composition comprising

(1) a polyorganosiloxane having a hexenyl functional group or a mixture of the
polyorganosiloxane having a hexenyl functional group and a

can be

hexenyl derivatized
alone

polyorganosiloxane having a vinyl functional group, and

(2) a photosensitizer;

wherein the cured layer is formed by

coating said addition reaction type silicone composition into a layer on the substrate film in an amount of 0.01 to 0.2.g/m² in terms of solid content,

heat-treating said layer at 40 to 120°C, to obtain a heat-treated layer, and

then irradiating said heat-treated layer with an ultraviolet ray.

15. (New) The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said polyorganosiloxane is a polydimethylsiloxane.

B¹
16. (New) The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said substrate film comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

17. (New) The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said photosensitizer is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzoin, benzophenones, acetophenones, α -hydroxyketones, α -aminoketones, α -diketones, α -diketone dialkyl acetals, anthraquinones, and thioxanthenes.

18. (New) The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said addition reaction type silicone composition further comprises a crosslinking agent.

sub
C)
19. (New) ~~The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said crosslinking agent is a polyorganosiloxane having at least two hydrogen atoms bonded to silicon atom in one molecule.~~

20. (New) The casting film according to Claim 14, wherein said addition reaction type silicone composition further comprises a platinum-based catalyst.

21. (New) A process for producing a casting film according to Claim 7, comprising: coating said addition reaction type silicone composition into a layer on said

polyethylene terephthalate substrate film in an amount of 0.01 to 0.2 g/m² in terms of solid content;

heat-treating said layer at 40 to 120°C, to obtain a heat-treated layer; and

irradiating said heat-treated layer with an ultraviolet ray, thereby curing said heat-treated layer.

B¹

22. (New) A process for producing a casting film according to Claim 14, comprising:

coating said addition reaction type silicone composition into a layer on said substrate film in an amount of 0.01 to 0.2 g/m² in terms of solid content;

heat-treating said layer at 40 to 120°C, to obtain a heat-treated layer; and

irradiating said heat-treated layer with an ultraviolet ray, thereby curing said heat-treated layer.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-6 have been canceled. Claims 7-22 have been added.

New Claim 7 is supported by Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed.

New Claim 8 is supported at page 10, 2nd paragraph.

New Claim 9 is supported by Claims 3, 4 and 5 as originally filed.

New Claim 10 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9.

New Claims 11 and 12 are supported at page 9, 2nd paragraph.

New Claim 13 is supported at page 9, last paragraph.

New Claim 14 is supported by Claims 1, 4 and 5 as originally filed.

New Claim 15 is supported by the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9.

New Claim 16 is supported by Claim 2 as originally filed.

New Claim 17 is supported at page 10, 2nd paragraph.

New Claims 18 and 19 are supported at page 9, 2nd paragraph.

New Claim 20 is supported at page 9, last paragraph.

New Claims 21 and 22 are supported by Claim 6 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 7-22 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Zimmer for indicating allowability of Claims 2 and 5 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The limitations of **allowable Claim 2** and Claim 1 are included in **new Claim 7**. Claims 8-13 and 21 depend directly or indirectly on Claim 7 which has been otherwise indicated as allowable. Thus, Claims 8-13 and 21 should be allowable as well.

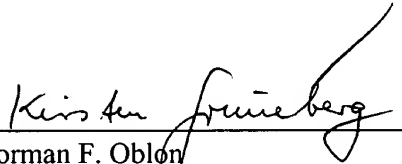
The limitations of **allowable Claim 5** and Claims 1 and 4 are included in **new Claim 14**. Claims 15-20 and 22 depend directly or indirectly on Claim 14 which has been otherwise indicated as allowable. Thus, Claims 15-20 and 22 should be allowable as well.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Norman F. Oblon
Attorney of Record
Registration No.: 24,618



22850

PHONE NO.: (703) 413-3000
FAX NO.: (703) 413-2220
NFO:KAG:lcd
I:\user\KGRUN\213151.am.wpd

Kirsten A. Grueneberg, Ph.D.
Registration No.: 47,297

BEST AVAILABLE COPY